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Applicant(s): Itzhak Bentwich, *et al.*

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Title: BIOINFORMATIALLY DETECTABLE
GROUP OF NOVEL REGULATORY
VIRAL AND VIRAL ASSOCIATED
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND USES
THEREOF

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 18, 2009 (the "Office Action"), and in accordance with the Rule of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examiner under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, and the requisite fee of \$810 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e), which provides an opportunity to withdrawn the finality of any office action and to enter and consider this submission.

No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above docket number.

Amendment to the Claims begin at page 2 of this response. **Amendment to the Specification** begins at page 4 of this response. **Remarks** begin at page 20 of this response.